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To: Delta Protection Commission

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Subject: Inventory of Recreation Facilities in the Delta
(To update the Commission on the Ongoing Study;
No Commission Action is Needed)

Background:

In May of 1995, the Commission agreed to enter an agreement with Department of Parks and Recreation to study recreation uses of the Delta, focusing on boating and fishing. The purpose of the study is to provide current recreational use figures for the entire Delta for use by the Commission and for use by other federal, State and local agencies in their planning processes.

A Recreation Study Oversight Subcommittee was created including: Commissioner Don Nottoli, Chair, Commissioner Bill Curry, Commissioner Donald Murphy, Kate Hansel for DWR, Mervin Hee for DFG, and citizen members: Sally Shanks, Chris Lauritzen, Steve Woodard, and Gil Labrie.

As part of the overall work program prepared by the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Delta Protection Commission staff has undertaken the inventory of recreation facilities. Item II-The Objectives, Item D, states "Identify and inventory existing recreation facilities and other recreation opportunities." Item III- Tasks, Item I states "Identify and document current recreation opportunities in the Delta: inventory and map existing parks, fishing access locations, and other public recreation lands and facilities; inventory and map existing marinas and other commercial recreation lands/facilities; inventory and map hunting clubs, yachting clubs and other private recreational opportunities; inventory and map private property used for informal recreation; and inventory significant historical and cultural resources."

Status of Inventory:

The staff has prepared a draft inventory of recreational sites in the Legal Delta (Primary and Secondary Zones) and in areas outside the Legal Delta which directly access waters or lands in the Legal Delta. The information was gathered using a Department of Boating and Waterways inventory of marinas, and numerous other written sources including marina listings, magazines, books, maps, local planning reports, and other sources. In addition, all the sites have been visited by staff (to the extent feasible). The site visits were completed in October 1995.

Since that time, the sites have been mapped by Teale on the Commission's GIS data base. Draft maps have been prepared and circulated to the five counties for review; corrections are underway. In addition, specialty maps of types of recreational facilities will be prepared to illustrate the listings of types of facilities, described below.

The listings of sites have been prepared in two ways. First, there is a county by county listing of all recreational facilities in or adjacent to the Legal Delta in that County. In addition, types of facilities have been listed together for the entire Delta area, for example, small marinas (less than 50 berths), and on a separate listing, launch ramps.

These listings are being circulated to the five Delta counties for review. All the written and mapped material will then be circulated to the Commission's Recreational Study Oversight Committee before being incorporated into the draft report to be presented to the Commission in mid-1997.

Examples:

Enclosed for Commission information are samples of:

- * Countywide inventory (Yolo County)
- * Listing and map of small marinas.
- * Listing and map of picnic and camping sites.

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